

# EIGHT DEFENSE LINES

## PREPARED BY SERB

**Re-enforced Concrete Position  
Containing Heavy Guns Said  
to Be Manned by Frechmen**

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—Warning t  
the Serbs are well equipped to mee

new attack is given in the Hamburg Prebendblatt of September 2, copied in the paper received here. The newspaper says:

"The second campaign against the Bulgars has begun. As appears from the German general staff report, the first attack on this time does not take place against the kingdom from the west but from the north across the narrow strip of land which separates the Danube from the North Sea." "The Serbian army has had the last quarters of a year to recuperate for the campaign against the Austro-Hungarian armies. Even if it has succeeded in offering successful resistance has, nevertheless, suffered in these few years a great loss of men, which, it is assumed, could scarcely be replaced in the small country, exhausted by the war in close succession.

### Toll Taken by Allies.

"Then, in addition, there came in a winter, an enemy which raged as furiously as the rains of the summer. The Austrians had been utterly defeated, and the Russian guns and cannon—the spotted typhoid—had been sent to the Balkans. Eighty per cent of the cases ended in death; it may be imagined how many died in Serbia lost through this disease. It was the physicians who hurried to the aid of the sufferers. The Russian army, however, since the winter had fought heroically against this foe, had to pay their death toll in the terrible disease. Only when the rigors of winter grew less and the doors and windows could be opened and the sleeping rooms cleaned was the force of the epidemic broken. The Serbs would not refuse itself to a new offensive, it nevertheless equipped itself to meet the inevitable return of the epidemic, and Germany. Casually through the winter supplies from France and England went up from the Continent, and the Russian army was re-equipped."

### Army Equipped Anew.

"With the tacit consent of the G.O. Government (which probably could have done otherwise under the pressure of the Serbian Bureau was established in Salonika, the unloading of English-Serbian munitions and the transport of them to Nish. In the beginning of English and French transport vessels sailed directly to the quay of Salona, at least a semblance of neutrality, but when Greece, in order to preserve its outside in the harbor and their supplies were landed on lighters.

"In this way the Serbs proceeded in great numbers to equip themselves with British arms, which had lost all everything. Above all participated in heavy artillery the re-enforced conventional defensive positions which Serbia has arranged in eight successive days. These guns, most of which are served by French artillerymen. For some time past also, the Serbs have been well supplied in the Balkan Army."

**Men Up to 55 Drawn in.**

"In order to place the army again on a defensible basis every one was made a soldier who could carry a gun and the desks of the military academy were filled with officers thrust into uniform. All men up to fifty years of age were drawn into service, as well as the wounded, whose complete recovery was made the chief object of the campaign.

"Thus Serbia once more brought her army to its feet conservatively estimated at 240,000 to 300,000 men. Officers on the other hand, did not be made good so easily. They were obliged to promote to officer rank many of the men who distinguished themselves on the battlefield. All cadres, no matter how young, were, were made lieutenants. Fifty thousand were promoted to the rank of generals."

## FIRST CHILDREN TO

**FIRST CHURCH TO  
OBSERVE JUBIL**

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**Fifty Years of Organization  
Be Celebrated on Nov  
ber 11.**



The First Congregational Church and G streets northwest, intending to celebrate the fifth anniversary of its organization.

At the first meeting on November 1st the church will be represented by Walter L. Clift, clerk for many years. One of the services will be of a musical character. At this service, Dr. St. John Newman, who was pastor of the church twenty-one years and was now president of Howard University will read a paper on Dr. John Blachoff who was for more than thirty-five years organist of the church. The evening of November 12 will be devoted to a social session, at which there will be greetings from past and other churches of the city. An noon will be devoted to meetings of the church.

et On Sunday morning the Sunday  
will have a special anniversary

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